

## ***NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) FAQs***

### **What is the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)?**

- Streets
- Gutters
- Creeks
- Rivers
- Washes
- Drainage ditches

### **What kinds of activities are prohibited?**

- Disposal of leaves, dirt and other landscape debris into the storm drain system.
- Release of pesticides, fungicides or herbicides banned by the EPA or the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.
- Disposal of hazardous wastes into trash containers (paint, antifreeze, motor oil, etc.).
- Disposing of fuel, chemicals, animal waste, garbage and other materials that have potential negative impacts on water quality.

### **What can you do to help?**

- Properly neutralize pool water before draining.
- Do not blow or rake leaves into the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Do not over-fertilize and do not fertilize near ditches, streams or other water bodies.
- Recycle your oil and oil filters.
- Do not release antifreeze onto the ground.
- Properly maintain your car by replacing leaky hoses and oil gaskets.
- Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers into a street, gutter, or storm drain.
- Use water-based paints instead of oil-based paints whenever possible.

### **How can I get useful information on stormwater pollution?**

Contact the City of Loma Linda Stormwater Program at (909) 799-4400 or 1 (800) CLEANUP to request information. You can also view our links to the [San Bernardino County Stormwater Program](http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/flood/npdes/index.html) (<http://www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/flood/npdes/index.html>) and the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on NPDES](http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/) (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/>).

### **What can I do if I see someone dumping something into the gutter or catch basin in the City of Loma Linda?**

Contact the City's Stormwater Program at (909) 799-4400 or 1 (800) CLEANUP to report illegal dumping into the facility.

### **Who can I call if I see something is in the gutter that shouldn't be there in the City of Loma Linda?**

To report illegal dumping or discharges into the MS4, call the City's Stormwater Program immediately at (909) 799-4400.